



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0080 Notice 1]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision that  
Nonconforming 2009 Buell 1125R, Ulysses XB, Lightning XB, and  
Blast Motorcycles Are Eligible for Importation

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
(NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Receipt of petition.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that nonconforming 2009 Buell 1125R, Ulysses XB, Lightning XB, and Blast motorcycles that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS), are eligible for importation into the United States because they are substantially similar to vehicles that were originally manufactured for sale in the United States and that were certified by their manufacturer as complying with the safety standards (the U.S.-certified version of the 2009 Buell 1125R, Ulysses XB, Lightning XB, and Blast motorcycles) and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

**DATES:** The closing date for comments on the petition is  
[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL  
REGISTER] .

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to the docket and notice  
numbers above and be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to  
<http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions  
for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of  
Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., West Building  
Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor,  
Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., between 9 a.m.  
and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal  
holidays.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Comments must be written in the English  
language, and be no greater than 15 pages in length, although  
there is no limit to the length of necessary attachments to the  
comments. If comments are submitted in hard copy form, please  
ensure that two copies are provided. If you wish to receive  
confirmation that your comments were received, please enclose a

stamped, self-addressed postcard with the comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the *Federal Register* published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

*How to Read Comments submitted to the Docket:* You may read the comments received by Docket Management at the address and times given above. You may also view the documents from the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets. The docket ID number and title of this notice are shown at the heading of this document notice. Please note that even after the comment closing date, we will continue to file relevant information in the Docket as it becomes available. Further, some people may submit late comments. Accordingly, we recommend that you periodically search the Docket for new material.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Stevens, Office of  
Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5308).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable FMVSS shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable FMVSS.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR Part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the Federal Register of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the Federal Register.

Skytop Rover Co., of Philadelphia, PA (Registered Importer R-06-343) (Skytop) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether the

subject nonconforming 2009 Buell motorcycles are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicles which Skytop believes are substantially similar are 2009 Buell motorcycles that were manufactured for sale in the United States and certified by their manufacturer as conforming to all applicable FMVSS.

The petitioner claims that it compared non-U.S. certified 2009 Buell 1125R, Ulysses XB, Lightning XB, and Blast motorcycles to their U.S.-certified counterparts, and found the vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most FMVSS.

Skytop submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that the subject non-U.S. certified 2009 Buell motorcycles, as originally manufactured, conform to many FMVSS in the same manner as their U.S. certified counterparts, or are capable of being readily altered to conform to those standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that non-U.S. certified 2009 Buell motorcycles are identical to their U.S. certified counterparts with respect to compliance with: Standard Nos. 106 Brake Hoses, 111 Rear Visibility, 116 Motor Vehicle Brake Fluids, 119 New Pneumatic Tires for Motorcycles, and 122 Motorcycle Brake Systems.

The petitioner further contends that the vehicles are capable of being readily altered to meet the following standards, in the manner indicated below:

Standard No. 108 Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment: replacement of front and rear turn signal lamps, front, rear and side mounted reflex reflectors, headlamps, rear taillamps, stop lamps, and license plate lamps with U.S. certified components on vehicles that are not already so equipped.

Standard No. 120 Tire selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles Other Than Passenger Cars: installation of a tire information placard.

Standard No. 123 Motorcycle Controls and Displays: inspection of each vehicle and replacement of non-conforming speedometers with U.S.-model components on vehicles not already so equipped.

Standard No. 205 Glazing Materials: inspection of each vehicles and removal of noncompliant glazing or replacement of the glazing with U.S.-certified components on vehicles not already so equipped.

The petitioner additionally states that the vehicles meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 565 VIN Requirements.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above addresses both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the Federal Register pursuant to the authority indicated below.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 30141(a) (1)(A), (a)(1)(B), and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.7; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.95 and 501.8.

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